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Dear Interested Public

I am writing to you because you may be interested in commenting on a proposal from Mr. John Greef, on behalf of West Fork Investments, LLC, to exchange his 120-acre parcel in the Larry Creek drainage for a National Forest parcel in the West Fork Ranger District, north of Ditch Creek and south of Rombo campground. Mr. Greef's parcel is bordered on three sides by National Forest lands. If acquired by the Forest Service this parcel would consolidate National Forest ownership and enhance wildlife and recreation management in the Larry Creek area. The National Forest parcel on the West Fork District is adjacent to private land.

We previously analyzed two land exchange proposals from Mr Greef and we determined they were not suitable for exchange. We encouraged Mr. Greef to consider other National Forest lands for an exchange. He identified a parcel of National Forest land north of Ditch Creek and we are now beginning to analyze that parcel for possible exchange for his Larry Creek land. The parcel is north of Ditch Creek and is approximately 120 acres. It is located in Township 1 South, Range 22 West, in Sections 11 and 12. As part of his proposal, Mr. Greef has requested an easement over the existing road 66E to obtain reasonable access to this property. Mr. Greef's land in the Larry Creek area is located in Township 10 North, Range 20 West, Sections 20 and 21. Both parcels are shown on the attached maps.

We are accepting comments on the proposal until February 16, 2007. Please send your comments to Elizabeth Ballard, Team Leader, Stevensville Ranger District, 88 Main Street, Stevensville, MT 59840.

For additional information about the exchange proposal, please contact Dan Ritter, District Ranger, Stevensville Ranger District at (406) 777-5461 or Dave Campbell, District Ranger, West Fork Ranger District at (406) 821-3269.

Please let us know if you do not wish to remain on the mailing list for this project.

Sincerely,

DANIEL G. RITTER
District Ranger

cc: District Ranger, West Fork Ranger District

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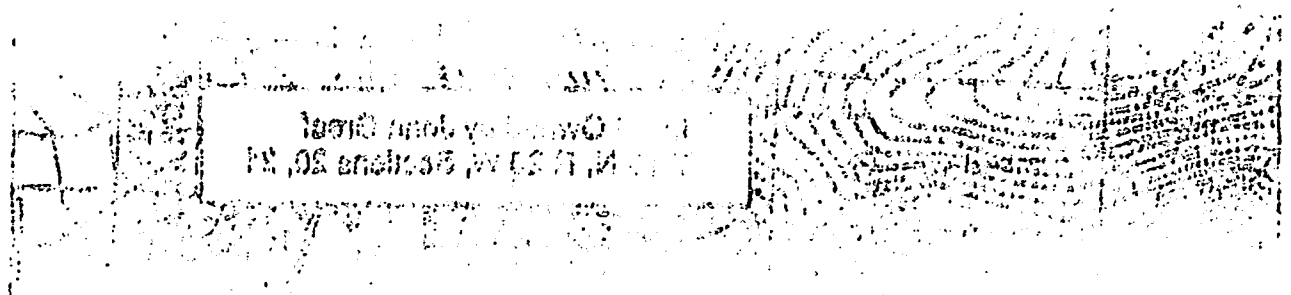


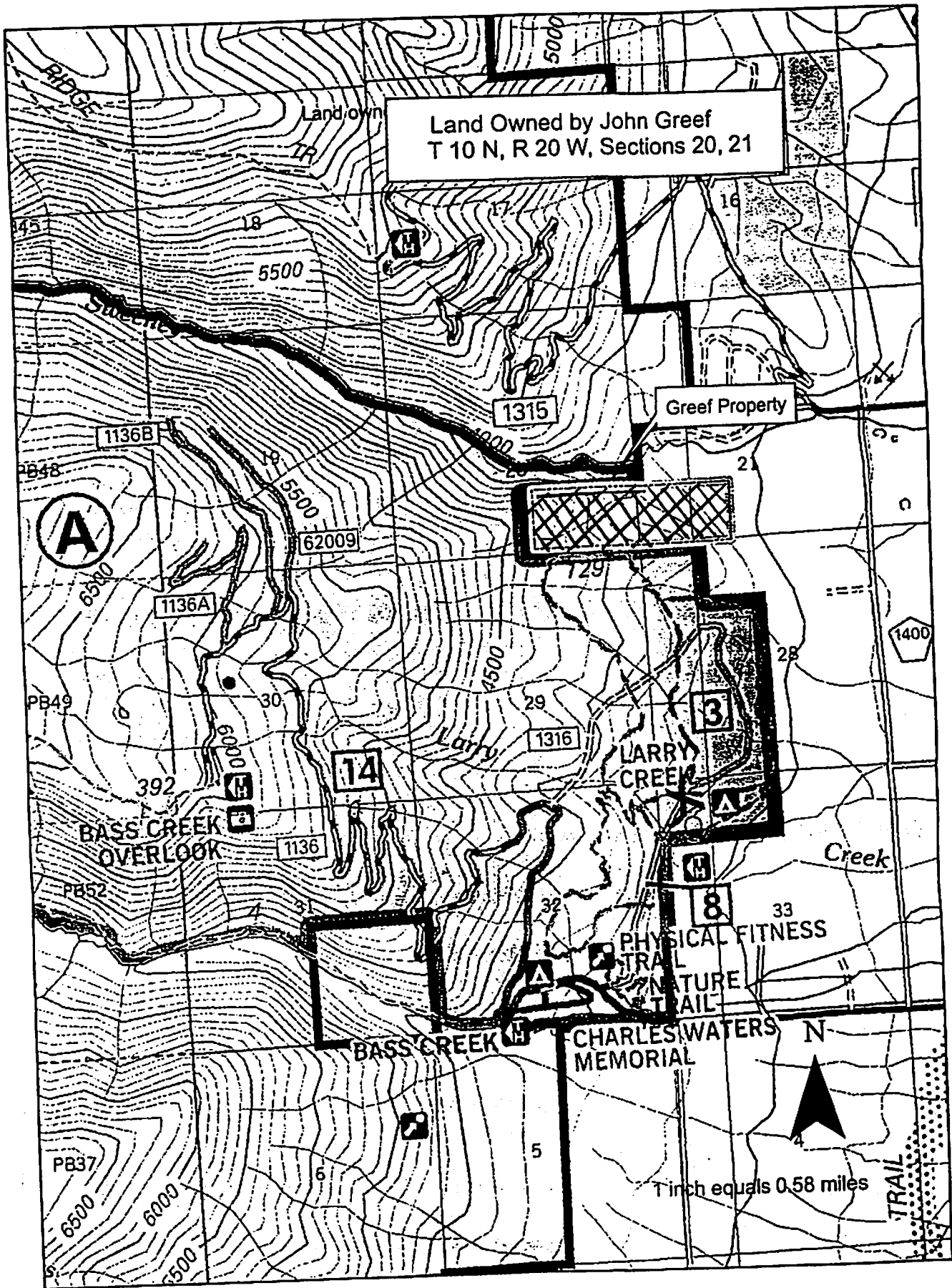
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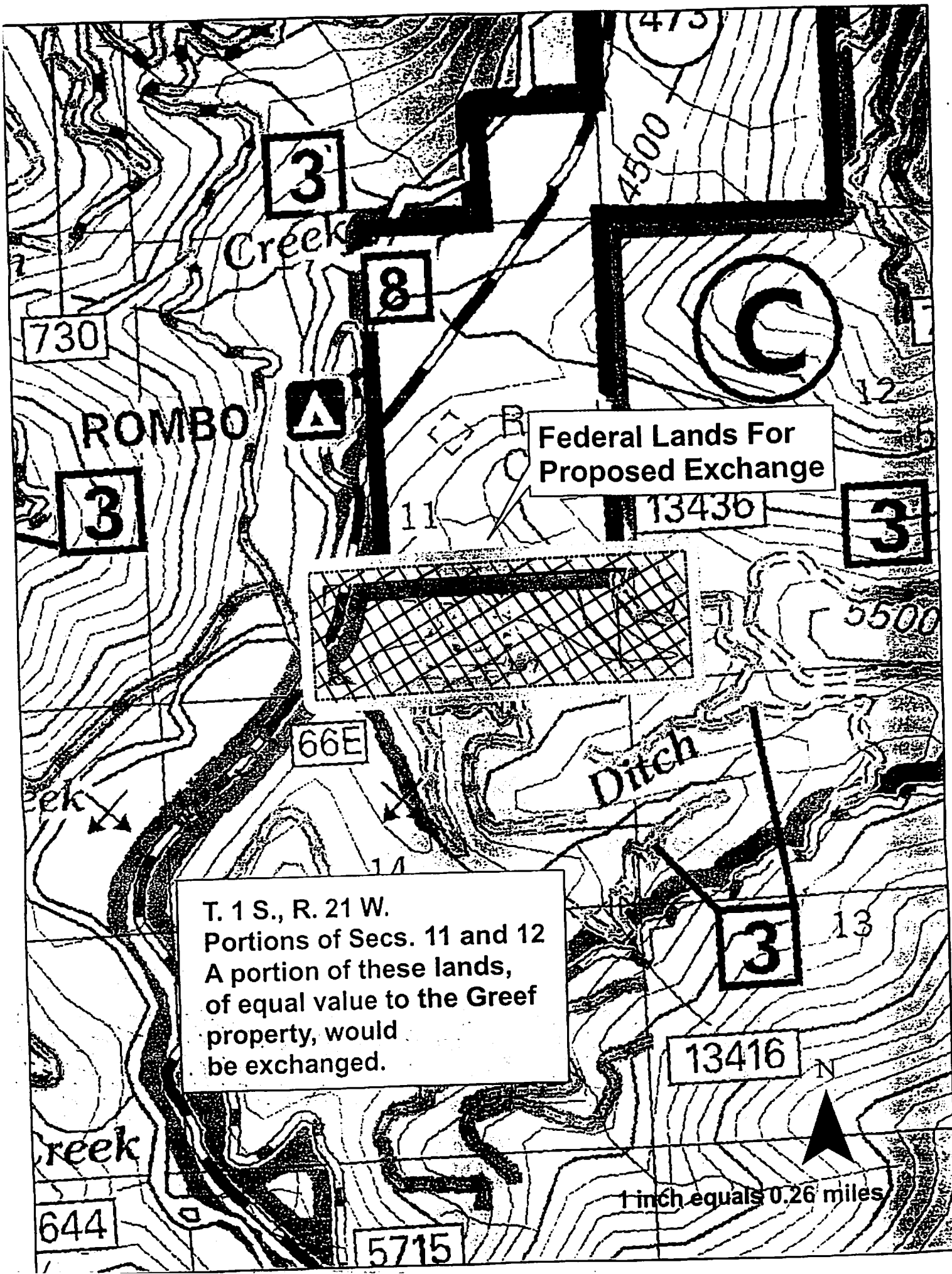
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Federal Lands For
Proposed Exchange

T. 1 S., R. 21 W.
Portions of Secs. 11 and 12
A portion of these lands,
of equal value to the Greef
property, would
be exchanged.